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Morton Grove Public Library

Ready for School? Don't Forget Your Library Card

New lunch boxes, squeaky new shoes, blank spiral notebooks and sharpened pencils. Everything is packed in a new backpack the night before and ready for that first day of school. Don't forget to pack one school tool that comes free of charge: a library card. Back to school means back to the books and where better than the local Library to find more than 135,000 items to help with book reports and school projects. Stop by the Circulation Desk to register for a new card during Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. See the box, below left, for more information. ❖ Seventy-seven adults read throughout the summer with the Adult Summer Reading Club. Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts (Morton Grove) and Baker's Square (Wilmette) for donating weekly prizes. ❖ Trustee Carolyn Hosticka has stepped down from her position as president of the board due to a move to a nearby community. Thank you, Carolyn, for your service to the Library and to the community. The Board will appoint her successor from interested applicants. Please pick up a form at the Circulation Desk and return it by September 10 for consideration. ❖ Comments from the community survey indicated a high level of satisfaction with the Library and its services as well as an interest in technology and learning about the Library through the Internet.

Library Card Sign-Up

What do I need to register for a Library card?
Please bring **one** of the following forms of identification with you: • driver's license • state identification card • voter's registration card • current utility bill • current mail (first class postmarked within the last 10 days) • school identification with address.

How old do I have to be?
Children 6th grade and under require parental signature.

Filing Made Easy With Organizing Expert

Turn a paper-filled office into a paper-filed one. Professional organizer Eileen Roth will be able to help when she presents *Find Files Fast* on **Wednesday, September 24 at 7 p.m.** in the Baxter Room.

Learn the five W-A-S-T-E questions to ask before saving any papers and how to design a simple filing and retrieval system.

Ms. Roth is the owner of Everything in its Place and has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show,* NBC's *Today Show* and in the *Chicago Tribune.*

Eileen Roth

Personalized Library Service Sparks Reading

The Library can be sent directly to your home through a new, personalized service called MATCHBOOK available only at the Morton Grove Public Library.

In June, MATCHBOOK was the recipient of a $1000 Innovative Projects grant from the North Suburban Library Foundation. This grant paid for basic start-up costs.

Just stop by the Reader's Service Desk to fill out a patron profile, checking up to 15 categories of new books, CDs, videos, audiobooks or CD-ROMs that you would be interested in seeing.

MATCH | BOOK
A SERVICE OF THE MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

MATCHBOOK can be mailed directly to your home, or you may come into the Library to pick it up and see what books are on the shelf. For non-residents of Morton Grove, there is a small charge for having the list mailed to your home (pick-up is still free).

Each month you will receive a list of new titles in those categories – many with short descriptions – plus a dozen in-depth reviews, a preview of upcoming bestsellers and more!

Stop in today to fill out your profile and ask for your free MATCHBOOK highlighter!

Computer Classes

For Computer Learning Month in October, the Library will offer two computer classes: Quicken and Beginning Internet.

Mary Jane Crotty will teach Quicken, software for home finances, budgeting and wealth-tracking on **Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m.** No registration necessary. The Internet class on **Thursday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m.** is open to Morton Grove residents only. Registration is required and limited to 50 people.

MGPL Hours
Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Closed Monday, September 1.

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

September			
9/1	Mo		Library Closed
9/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/6	Sa	2:00	Children's Summer Reading Club Party
9/7	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Nabucco*
9/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/10	We	7:00	Home Improvement: *Faux Finishes*
9/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
9/15	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Grosse Pointe Blank* (R 107 min)
9/16	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/21	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Peter Grimes*
9/23	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
9/23	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert
9/24	We	7:00	Home Improvement: *Find Files Fast*
9/30	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
October			
10/4	Sa	10:30	Computer Class: *Quicken*
10/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/9	Th	7:30	Computer Class: *Beginning Internet*
10/8	We	7:00	Health Workshop: *Pressure Point Therapy*
10/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
10/12	Su	2:00	Concert: *Lakeside Duo*
10/13	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Men in Black* (PG-13 98 min.)
10/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/19	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *Idomeneo*
10/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/21	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *The Ginger Tree* by Oswald Wynd
10/22	We	7:00	Slide/lecture: *Revealing Renoir Portraits*
10/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
10/28	Tu	3:45	Babysitting Basics (through Thursday)

Check our complete calendar on the Web at *http://www.webrary.org/mgpl/calcurr.html*

Programs

September

Lyric Opera Lecture – Hank Tausend discusses Verdi's *Nabucco.* **Sun. 9/7 at 2:00**

Home Improvement: Faux Finishes – Spruce up those dreary walls this year! Experts from J.C. Licht Co. demonstrate rag rolling, sponging and brand new techniques that give a satin or suede look. **Wed. 9/10 at 7:00**

Lyric Opera Lecture – Roy Fisher discusses Britten's *Peter Grimes.* **Sun. 9/21 at 2:00**

Home Improvement: Find Files Fast – Organizing expert Eileen Roth gives tips on getting rid of the paper clutter. See page 1 for details. **Wed. 9/24 at 7:00**

October

Computer Classes – Quicken Sat. 10/4 at 10:30 and Internet Thurs. 10/9 at 7:30. See page 1 for details. **Please note:** Internet class is open only to Morton Grove residents and is limited to 50 people. Sign up at the Reader's Service Desk.

Pressure Point Therapy – Stressed out? Carpal tunnel syndrome a problem? This hands-on workshop with chiropractor Dr. Ira Chislof teaches how to treat headaches, neck pain, allergies and other ailments in a safe and natural way. **Wed. 10/8 at 7:00**

Concert: Lakeside Duo – Pianists Evelyn Binz and Bette Coulson play semi-classical and four-hand pieces. **Sun. 10/12 at 2:00**

Lyric Opera Lecture – Sue McCandless presents Mozart's *Idomeneo.* **Sun. 10/19 at 2 p.m.**

Revealing Renoir Portraits – Lee Gibbs returns to the Library with a look at Pierre Auguste Renoir and his engaging portraits. **Wed. 10/22 at 7:00**

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1½ hour video program.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **Sept. 23** to discuss *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. The title for **Oct. 21** is *The Ginger Tree* by Oswald Wynd. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Please note the exception for October.**

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone, unless noted. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Kids Programs

Do You Know Your "Numbers"?

Books about plants, pets, fairy tales: How do you know where to find these books at the Library? Come along with the Children's Department's know your "numbers" reading games.

From now through May, walk through the "numbers" at the Library. These are the non-fiction books you use for school reports on different subjects like ships, the Revolutionary War or Abraham Lincoln.

Start at the beginning and read books about secret codes, computers, UFOs (000s); monsters, the senses (100s); or religions and myths (200s) for September and October. Register for the game in the Children's Department.

• **Summer Reading Club update:** More children than ever before joined the Library's *Read With Arthur and His Friends* this summer. Over 450 children registered and read more than 4,500 books.

All through the summer, children have been earning stickers, prizes, paperback books and McDonald's certificates.

The Summer Reading Club Awards Party will be held **Saturday, September 6 at 2 p.m.** Don't miss the special raffle for Arthur prizes!

Take Up Arms for Battle of the Books

Students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades: Ask your teachers about signing up for your Battle of the Books team. Copies of the booklist are available in the Children's Room. Start reading now so you will be ready to do battle in November.

Visit the MGPL Gallery

Visit the Children's "gallery" of artwork by local students in the Library's East stairway. All the pieces displayed are winners from the Library's 24th annual art contest. Congratulations to winners and thank you to all who participated.

Children's Classes

Fall session begins the week of October 13, 1997. Enrollment is limited. Morton Grove children whose names are on a waiting list will be given priority placement in the following session's classes. Enrollment for available openings begins September 8 for MG residents and September 15 for non-residents. Walk-in registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Tuesday Drop-In Storytime Added

Make a visit to the Library even more special by adding a storytime. Starting October 14, parents and child care providers may now bring pre-schoolers to the Library **Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.** for a drop-in storytime. **No pre-registration is required.**

Children's Librarian Joan Gross and Assistant Children's Librarian Ronnie Rund lead the classes which will include stories, fingerplays, and other activities. "We hope more families will be able to take advantage of storytime with a drop-in style," says Ms. Rund.

Learn to Be a Better Babysitter

Bill Porter, a paramedic with the Morton Grove Fire Department, leads this annual workshop for young adults ages 12 and up who are interested in learning how to be a better babysitter. Mr. Porter stresses safety issues and role playing in this three-day workshop.

The class will see a video, hear from a MG police officer and work in small groups. The role-playing includes situations such as introducing yourself to the parents, opening the door to strangers, putting reluctant children to bed, and handling emergency situations.

The class is limited to 15 and you must attend all three days, **Tues. through Thurs., Oct. 28 - 30 from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.** Call the Reader's Service Desk to sign up.

Check out some of the Library's babysitting books: *The Babysitter Book* by Jane Pardini, *KidSitter Basics* by Celeste Stuhring, *How to Be a Super Sitter* by Jay Litivin and a book/video kit *Super Sitter Basics.*

Films

September

Grosse Pointe Blank (R 107 min) John Cusack stars as Martin Q. Blank, a hit man nervous about attending his 10-year high school reunion and visiting an old sweetheart (Minnie Driver) in this clever comedy. Blank is a bit on edge since four other hit men (including a psychopathic Dan Akroyd) have followed him to the wealthy Detroit suburb of Grosse Pointe. (Co-producer Cusack added his own experiences after his 1994 high school reunion in Evanston.) **Mon. 9/15 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

October

Men in Black (PG-13 98 min) Special agent K (Tommy Lee Jones) and new recruit J (Will Smith) are tracking a dangerous alien inhabiting the body of a deranged farmer (Vincent D'Onofrio). A regular part of their duty is to erase the memories of humans who have encountered aliens. **Mon. 10/13 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

A Sampler of New Non-Fiction Videos

Over the summer, the Library staff reorganized the entire non-fiction video collection (nearly 800 titles!) to reflect the same Dewey call numbers as the book collection. At that time nearly 50 new videos were added.

All non-fiction videos are located on the shelves near the Internet terminals. Here is a "baker's dozen" of the newest titles:

371.912 LIP Lipreading Made Easy: Practice Lessons
395.22 WED Wedding Dancing
428.24 CRO Crossroads Cafe
613.7046 WAI Wai Lana Yoga
618.24 MAR Maria Taggart's Pre- and Post-Natal Fitness
629.22 HOW How to Save Big Money When Buying a Car
641.5973 FRU The Frugal Gourmet: American Breakfast
746.44 LEA Learn to Make Cushions & Decorative Pillows
792.23 NEW Bob Newhart Off the Record
914.563 INC Incredible Monuments of Rome
917.292 JAM The Jamaica Experience
917.91 ARI Arizona: Spirit of the Southwest
940.5315 HOL Holocaust In Memory of Millions

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Reference Round-up

The **1997 Chase's Calendar of Events** marks September as *Baby Safety Month, Childhood Cancer Month,* and *Children's Eye Health and Safety Month.* Here, we highlight a few Reference resources that deal with childhood health and safety.

The **Guide to Baby Products** covers the safety, durability, convenience and cost of products such as cribs, car seats, toys and strollers. Published by *Consumer Reports,* this guide gives unbiased information, ratings and recommendations for a wide range of products. Also included are phone numbers of many product safety hotlines, as well as addresses and phone numbers of major manufacturers.

Becoming a parent or moving into a new area with a small child can be overwhelming. **ParentSource Resource Directory** can help steer you to the best places to purchase quality products. This is a great resource for finding groups in the Chicagoland area as well as national helplines.

Nothing is more important than your child's health; the **Handbook of Pediatrics** and **Oski's Essential Pediatrics** cover health issues from infancy through adolescence. Although these books were written to help beginning health care professionals, they are non-technical enough to provide essential health information for concerned parents or child care providers.

The Complete Family Guide to Alternative Medicine provides a different approach to healing by using herbal medicines and homeopathy to treat various ailments.

You and your pediatrician are still the best resources in keeping your child healthy, but don't forget to look in the Library when you need more information.

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